

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 20, line 19, please insert --753-- after the word "Texturing".

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 1, 18 and 20 and add claim 21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A safety shield apparatus comprising:  
  
a needle shield having a planar contact surface and a needle bearing in the planar contact surface that slidably engages the needle; and  
  
a pad having a first surface mountable to the planar contact surface and a second surface configured for engagement with a body surface.
2. (Original) The safety shield apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said pad is made from a foam material.
3. (Original) The safety shield apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said pad is made from a felted material.
4. (Original) The safety shield apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said pad is made from a breathable material.
5. (Original) The safety shield apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said pad is made from a material configured for wicking moisture.